



# Thornlea SS

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## THORNLEA 50TH GRADUATION



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# Message from the Principal

Dear Families and Community Members,

It was a very good year at Thornlea. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school and there was a large turnout of alumni who came back to the school to visit former teachers and classmates. Thank you to the organizing committee and an army of current Thornlea students for putting the two-day event together. On June 28<sup>th</sup> our school year came to an official close with our 50th commencement ceremony at the Paradise Banquet Hall. Congratulations to the class of 2018 we wish you all the best as you move onto further education and employment. Other highlights this year were our first annual Luminary awards that celebrate the arts at Thornlea. Our STEM Team won the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest and \$20,000 in Samsung technology for the school. In athletics our Sr. Boys Basketball team won the YRAA championship for the second year in a row and our Sr. Girls Volleyball team placed second this year. In individual sports we won gold at OFSAA in skiing and swimming. In academics our students have earned entrance and scholarships at some of the most prestigious schools in Ontario and the United States. As our accomplishments have grown so has our enrollment we are no longer the tiny school in Thornhill. For the 2018/2019 school year our enrollment will be over a 1,000 students.

Our report cards will be mailed out the week of July 16<sup>th</sup>. If you do not receive your child's report please contact us at the school. During the summer the school's office is open from Monday to Thursday from 8:00 till 3:00. If you have any questions about next year please feel free to contact me via email at [joe.foti@yrdsb.ca](mailto:joe.foti@yrdsb.ca). The administration will be back in the school starting August 20<sup>th</sup> our first day of school for grade nine students only is September 4<sup>th</sup>. The entire school starts classes on Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you all have a safe and relaxing summer. We look forward to seeing you again in September.

Warmest Regards,

Joe Foti



## *Think and Be Thought Of*

Dear Parents/Guardians:

**18-19 School Year**

The information outlined in this letter will help to prepare your child for the start of the school year. Should you have any questions please contact the main office.

### **START-UP INFORMATION**

Timetables, along with locker information, will be emailed to all students the week of August 27th. Cash Online will be available starting in July. Students can pay their activity fees, purchase their physical education uniform (if they have physical education in first semester) and purchase a yearbook if they so wish. Grade 12 students must purchase the Graduation Package by September 28 if they are attending the graduation ceremony. Locks will be provided by the school. If you have not yet registered for cash online, please visit this website <https://ydsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

All students must have their picture taken for the purpose of their Student Identification Card on **September 7**. Retake day is **October 9**. The option to pre-purchase photo packages is also available.

The School Activity Fee serves to engage students in the broader school community by providing a wide range of opportunities that occur before school, at lunch, and after school. Monies collected cover or subsidize costs of events and activities that build school spirit and enrich the learning experience beyond the classroom and the designated subject curriculum. Sports teams, clubs, and groups benefit from the school activity fee as they receive an allocation of funds based on the overall student population. This subsidy allows for a reduction of costs which in many instances contributes to the overall viability of the event or activity.

Your support of the School Activity Fee is needed in order for us to continue to be able to provide a vast array of opportunities that respond to the diverse interests of our school community. At Thornlea S.S., the School Activity Fee will fund or subsidize the following:

- Spirit events
- Assemblies
- Club activities
- Celebrations
- Leadership activities
- Wellness Days

The number of activities/events that can be funded and the extent of the financial support will be determined by the total revenue that is generated through the School Activity Fee. We hope to continue our commitment to many varied opportunities for our students. We appreciate the value of co-curricular ac-

tivities in building school spirit, fostering a sense of community, and fostering a sense of fulfillment and well-being.

**FEES may be PAID ONLINE on our website <http://thornlea.ss.yrdsb.ca> School Cash Online**

Activity Fee (All Grades)	\$35.00
FIT Day (Gr. 9 Only – includes lunch)	\$37.00
Graduation Package (Gr 12 Only)	\$75.00
Phys. Ed. Uniform (2 t-shirts and 1 pair shorts)	\$37.00
Phys. Ed Individual T-shirt or Shorts Each	\$15.00
SPC Card	\$10.00
Yearbook (Memories for 18-19 school year)	\$45.00

### **First Day of School**

**Grade 9 only day Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.** Students should go to their lockers and leave their lunches, jackets, etc. prior to reporting to their first period class before the bell rings at 8:50 a.m. The school year for our **grades 10, 11 and 12 students begins on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Grade 9 FIT DAY @ Green Acres Camp on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

FIT Day is a wonderful field trip for all Grade 9 students. The purpose of the day is to:

- Generate enthusiasm and build school spirit
- Help students become acquainted with each other
- Develop a sense of belonging
- Develop leadership skills

Lunch will be provided by the facility including pizza, chips and drink. Students should bring bottled water and they may also wish to bring extra nutritious snacks.

Dress should be comfortable and weather appropriate. Make sure to wear running shoes and bring sun-screen.

Make sure to give PERMISSION via Cash Online when paying your fees.

### **School Council**

Our first School Council meeting will take place on **Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.** in the Library. We will be holding the elections for Chair/co-Chairs at this meeting as well as determining and filling additional positions on Council. If you would like to run for a position on Council please have your child request a **School Council Nomination Form** from the main office during the first week of school.

For up to date information, please visit our website at: <http://thornlea.ss.yrdsb.ca>  
We are looking forward to meeting you and your child in September.

Regards,

Joe Foti  
Principal





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## Thornlea Secondary School is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

## Follow the easy steps on the next page to register and get started!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your purchases will appear on your statement  
as "School Cash Online – YRDSB"

## School Cash ONLINE

www.schoolcashonline.com



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### Step 1: Register

Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website at <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Select the "Get Started Today" button.

Complete each of the three Registration Steps

**\*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**



### Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



### Step 3: Find Student

**NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED**

*This step will connect your children to your account.*

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

### Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

### NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or [parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com).



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June 2018

Dear Families,

As the school year comes to a close, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for the important role that you play in our education system. It is our privilege to work alongside you in partnership to support your children in reaching their full potential.

Over the past year, through town halls, coffee chats, community consultations, surveys and informal conversations, we have heard directly from students, families, employees and community members. The feedback we heard will guide and strengthen our ongoing work to identify and remove barriers and provide opportunities for all of our students to thrive and soar. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts with us. We look forward to sharing our goals and strategic priorities with you in the new school year.

We hope that you have seen evidence of your child's growth, learning and achievement throughout the year. Students and staff members have been working hard and continue to impress us with all that they have accomplished.

There are lots of opportunities to continue supporting your child's learning over the summer, whether through reading, playing games or visiting local sites. In addition, the Board also offers a variety of summer learning programs for all ages. We also hope that you find time to relax and rejuvenate and enjoy the long days of sunshine and good weather.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer with your families. We look forward to welcoming both our new and returning families for the 2018-19 school year.

Sincerely,

Louise Sirisko  
 Director of Education  
 York Region District School Board

Corrie McBain  
 Chair  
 York Region District School Board



**Hello all from the Guidance Department!**

**We would like to wish everyone a restful, safe  
and relaxing summer break.**

**Our team has been busy with providing our students  
with their course request for next year.**

**There will be a new process for course requests  
changes in September 2018.**

**Please keep an eye out for details in August 2018.**

The next OUAC University electronic transmission will be  
on **July 5<sup>th</sup>**.

The next OCAS College electronic transmission will be on  
**July 6<sup>th</sup>**.

A reminder that **all offers are CONDITIONAL upon the  
receipt of final grades** in July.

**Post-Secondary School Visits: 2018-2019**


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POST SECONDARY SCHOOL	VISIT DATE
Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre Toronto	September 25
Brock University	September 26
Western University – Ivy School of Business	September 27
Durham College	September 28
Centennial College	October 1
Laurentian University	October 2
Brescia University	October 3
York University	October 4
Huron at Western University	October 5
Queen's University	October 9
King's University College Western University	October 9
Concordia University	October 10
University of Windsor	October 11
Seneca College	October 12
Georgian College	October 15
Carleton University	October 18
UOIT University of Ontario Institute of Technology	October 19
Nipissing University	October 23
University of Toronto	October 24
Wilfred Laurier University	October 25
University of Waterloo	October 26
University of Toronto – Science and Engineering	October 29
OCAD Ontario College of Art and Design	October 30
George Brown College	November 2
Humber Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning	November 5
Ryerson University	November 7
Ryerson University – Science and Engineering	November 8
University of Guelph Humber	November 12

Trent University	November 13
Western University	November 14
McMaster University	November 15
Redeemer University	November 21
Bishop's University	TBA
Lakehead University	TBA
University of Toronto – Scarborough Campus	TBA



Who would have thought the sound of bees buzzing would bring Thornlea and Samsung together? This is how it all started. The bee crisis the world is facing has led to major issues with pollinating our crops. A team of students and teachers at Thornlea S.S. aimed to create a potential solution to this global concern. Our team entered the *Samsung Solve for Tomorrow* contest, which challenges students to show how Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) can help improve their local community. We went a step further and looked globally.

Over the course of several weeks, the team worked relentlessly researching, designing, building and testing a robotically controlled, self-pollinating hydroponic grow system. The process was filmed using equipment received from Samsung for having gotten to this stage of the contest. The team encountered many obstacles along the way forcing them to use analytical and divergent thinking, problem solving and collaborative skills embraced in STEM itself. The deadline for the submission of a two-minute video was fast approaching and yet there were still issues at hand. The team persevered, finished the project and submitted the video to Samsung. All that was left was to wait. How would we fare in the contest?



Only the winners would be announced and, as each day passed, with no emails from Samsung, our hopes began to wallow. Then it happened. The email we had been waiting for arrived; we had made it to the eastern finals! And then, the waiting began again in earnest, as we waited to hear news of who the national champions were. Well, the waiting was over. The news had come, and we had won! We were one of four national champions across Canada. All of our team's hard work and effort had paid huge dividends, earning Thornlea S.S. \$20,000, as a national champion.

Thank you to Samsung for offering students the chance to display the talents that we know they possess, yet are often unseen. Congratulations to all of the national winners, Thornlea S.S. and to the STEM team on a performance for which we can all be very proud!

The STEM team was:

Students:

Brynn Armstrong  
Austin Jack  
Alexander Kung  
Michael Loo  
Ally Mazzara  
Bryson Reid  
Emma Seabrook  
Dexter Siu  
Eva Sosnina  
Stephen Wang  
Mark Wu

Staff:

Rob Belchevski  
J.P. Braband  
Jacky Ross  
Paul Vallis  
Joan Walker



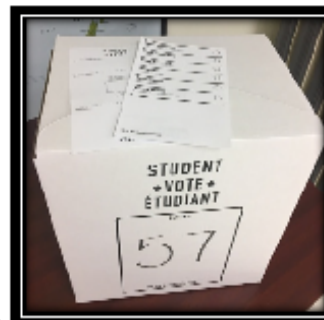
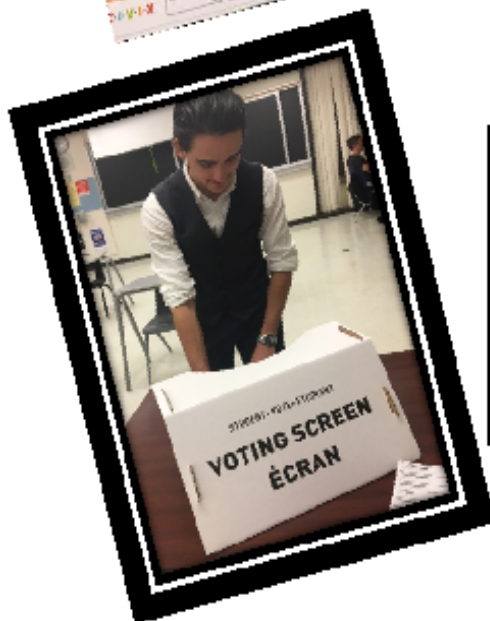
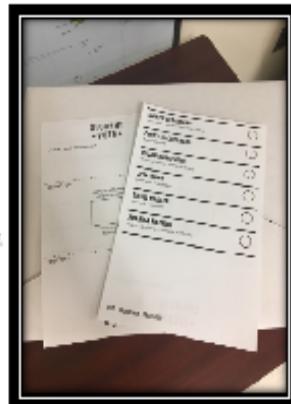
## STUDENT VOTE AT THORNLEA SECONDARY SCHOOL MONDAY JUNE 4, 2018



In recognition of this year's Provincial Election, which occurred on Thursday June 7, 2018, students at Thornlea Secondary School participated in a school wide Student Vote Election.

**Student Vote** provides youth, under the voting age, with an opportunity to experience the voting process firsthand and build the habits of active and engaged citizenship. Students learn about government and the electoral process, and research the issues, parties and candidates through classroom learning, campaign activities, media consumption and family dialogue.

Thornlea's Student Vote occurred on **Monday June 4, 2018**. As a tribute to the election process, the results of the Student Vote are now being shared following the close of the polls. It was a successful turnout of our student body on Student Vote Day!





## THE RESULTS ARE IN!



2,166 Ontario Schools participated in this year's Student Vote, representing 124 electoral districts in the province. The results are in!

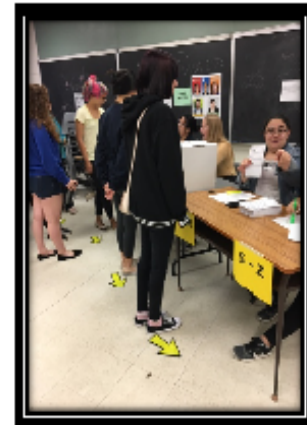
### PROVINCE WIDE:

In the Student Vote results, the Ontario NDP won a majority government with 66 seats. The PC Party of Ontario will become the official opposition with 45 seats. The Liberal Party of Ontario won 11 seats. The Green Party of Ontario won two seats.

### THORNLEA:

Here at Thornlea Secondary School, the vote was based on the **Markham – Thornhill Electoral District**. The results were:

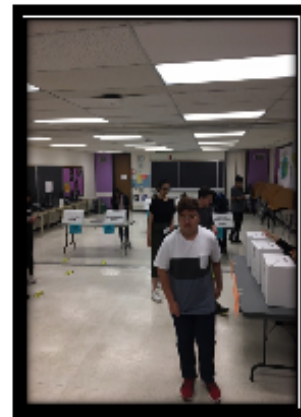
Ontario NDP (Cindy Hackelberg) – 142 votes  
 PC Party of Ontario (Logan Kanapathi) – 131 votes  
 Ontario Liberal Party (Juanita Nathan) – 90 votes  
 Green Party of Ontario (Caryn Bergmann) – 84 votes  
 Libertarian (David Nadler) – 33 votes  
 Independent (Jeff Kuah) – 24 votes.



The actual votes tallied from Election Night indicated that the winner of the Markham – Thornhill Electoral District was **Logan Kanapathi (PC Party of Ontario)**

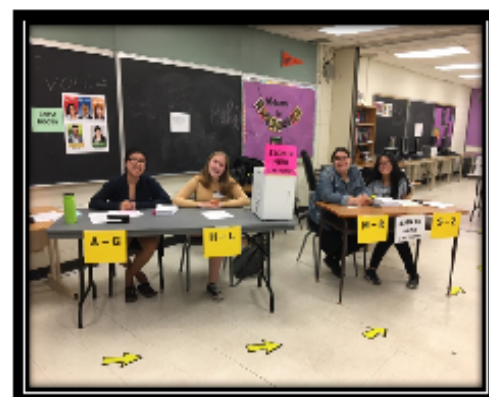
A huge thank you to our Student Volunteers and Teacher Facilitators who assisted with the voting process on Student Vote Day!

Stephanie Aboukhater  
 Ezra Amon  
 Isabel Alteza-stergulc  
 Ellen Cen  
 Sydney Edwards  
 Alyssa Mintzberg  
 Lucy Park  
 Camila Sordi



We encourage all our students here at Thornlea to continue to speak their minds and strive for change in the future. Until next time Thornlea, remember student voice matters! **Go Thunder!**

**Mrs. Ceausu & Ms. Rai**





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**York Chapter**

**PEO York Chapter Announces:**

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## **ENGINEERING ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP**

**PEO York Chapter** is offering 1 University Engineering Entrance Scholarship valued at \$1500 this year. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the student's community contributions, intra and extracurricular activities, and their intention to pursue a career as a Professional Engineer. To qualify for this award, the student must graduate with honours standing from a secondary school in York Region and be enrolled in an accredited engineering program at a Canadian university for the 2018-2019 academic year.

**To apply for a scholarship, simply complete the [application form](#) at [www.peoyork.com/scholarship](http://www.peoyork.com/scholarship)**

**Application deadline: 11:59 p.m. July 6, 2018.**  
Please e-mail [scholarship@peoyork.com](mailto:scholarship@peoyork.com) if you have any questions.





Carmen Chen applied for the Markham District Energy Sustainability Bursary. The applicant was required to tour their facility and answer 5 specific questions related to Energy and its impact on communities and why they deserve this award. The applicant also had to be in pursuit of a post-secondary program related to the Environment. With an overall top 6 average of 90% - Carmen will be attending the University of Waterloo for their Environment and Business program.

# every student counts November 2018 Survey



Help us learn more about the students in our school communities.

In November 2018, York Region District School Board will invite all students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 to participate in an important census to better understand who they are and how they feel about school.

**Inspire Learning!**

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# every student counts November 2018 Survey



The **Every Student Counts Survey** is part of our Board's commitment to improving student achievement and well-being. Students' voices are important. We want to learn more about the students we serve and create more equitable and inclusive school environments.

The survey is confidential and voluntary. The census will be sent home with students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 to be completed with a parent/guardian. Students in Grade 7 to 12 will be invited to complete the census at their school. Accessibility options will be available for any student who needs assistance completing the survey. All students will be given the opportunity to participate.

**Look for more information from the school in September or visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**FINAL REPORT CARDS MAILED HOME by end of JULY**

September 4	First Day of School Gr. 9's only
September 5	First Day of School All Grades
September 12	Photo Day Students & Staff
September 13	FIT Day Gr. 9 students
September 17	School Council Mtg. 7:15pm
September 18	Club Fair 11:30am-12:30pm
September 20	Terry Fox Run
September 20	MADD Assembly 12:30pm
September 24	PA Day—No School for Students
September 25-28	Safety Assemblies
October 3	Photo Retake Day
October 8	Thanksgiving Day
October 9	Interim Reports Home
October 18	Awards Ceremony
October 22	PA Day—No School for Students
October 25	Parents' Night
October 29	Spirit Assembly

*Dates may change throughout the year.  
Please make sure to check our website for the  
current information.*

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/Pages/default.aspx>